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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) 2-5, 8, 9 and 12-14 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 6, 7, 10 and 11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 30 April 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claim 1,7,11 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Koyama et al (US 6801283) in view of Song et al (US 20010050744).

Koyama et al discloses (Figure 3) a back light unit (7), an optical compensation circular polarizer unit (12) set over the back light unit (7), a liquid crystal panel (23) set over the optical compensation circular polarizer unit (12), and an optical compensation circular analyzer (11) set over the liquid crystal panel (23).

Koyama et al does not disclose an optically self-compensated birefringence liquid crystal panel.

Song et al discloses (Page 1, [0006]) using an optically self-compensated birefringence liquid crystal panel to provide a liquid crystal display with wide viewing angles and to achieve a fast response speed.

It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art to modify Koyama et al's display to include Song et al's OCB-LCD motivated by the desire to provide a liquid crystal display with wide viewing angles and to achieve a fast response speed (Page 1, [0006]).

Claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Koyama et al (US 6801283) and Song et al (US 20010050744).in view of Konno et al (US 20030016325).

Koyama et al discloses a polarizer plate (4), a first uniaxial quarter-wave plate (3) sandwiched between the polarizer plate (4) and the liquid crystal panel (23), where the optical axis of the first uniaxial quarter-wave plate (5) and an absorption axis of the polarizer plate (4) form an included angle of about 45 degrees (Column 4, Row 40-55).

Koyama et al and Song et al do not disclose the use of a biaxial compensation film.

Konno et al discloses (Figure 5) a first biaxial compensation film (405) sandwiched between the first uniaxial quarter-wave plate (409) and the liquid crystal panel (401). The liquid crystal layer has a bend alignment and its compensated by the biaxial birefringence plate resulting in an intensity of light being maximized thus producing an image with high visibility with a very wide viewing angle. (Page 7, [0105-0109])

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It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art to modify Koyama et al's display to include Konno et al's biaxial film motivated by the desire to producing an image with high visibility with a very wide viewing angle. (Page 7, [0105-0109])

Claim 10 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Koyama et al (US 6801283) and of Konno et al (US 20030016325) in view of Shimoshikiryou et al (20020033923)

Koyama et al does not disclose discloses the angle between the polarizer plate and the liquid crystal panel.

Konno et al discloses (Figure 5) an analyzer plate (406), where the absorption axis of the analyzer plate is perpendicular to the absorption axis of the polarizer plate (407), and the polarizer plate (axis same as LC panel as shown in Figure 5) form an included angle of 45 degrees which is between 40 degrees to 50 degrees with the alignment direction of the liquid crystal panel (Column 4, Row 40-55)(also shown in Figure 5), a second uniaxial quarter-wave plate (408) sandwiched between the analyzer plate (406) and the liquid crystal panel (401), where the optical axis of the second uniaxial quarter-wave plate forms an included angle of about 45 degrees with the absorption axis of the analyzer plate. Konno discloses in Figure 3, a second compensation film (204) sandwiched between the second quarter wave plate (208) and the liquid crystal (201)

Koyama et al and Konno et al do not disclose the second compensation film being a biaxial compensation film.

Shimoshikiyou et al discloses that by providing the biaxial birefringence on both sides of the display the retardation changes as the viewing angle is changed in the left-right direction of the pixel.

It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art to include a second biaxial compensation film to producing an image with high visibility with a very wide viewing angle. (Page 7, [0105-0109])

Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Koyama et al (US 6801283) and of Konno et al (US 20030016325) in view of Itakura et al (US 20030122991).

Koyama et al and Konno et al do not disclose that the biaxial compensation film has satisfy the following inequality relations: $n_x > n_y > n_z$ and $(n_x - n_z)/(n_x - n_y) > 6$.

Itakura et al (Page 5, [0060]) discloses The biaxial compensation film has principal refractive indices n_x, n_y , and n_z that satisfy the following inequality relations: $n_x > n_y > n_z$ and $(n_x - n_z)/(n_x - n_y) > 8$ which is $(n_x - n_z)/(n_x - n_y) > 6$, and the principal axis with the refractive index n_x is perpendicular to the alignment direction of the liquid crystal panel.

It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art to modify Koyama et al's display and Konno et al's biaxial film to include Itakura et al's refractive indices ranges of a retardation film so that a good display quality liquid crystal display device with excellent viewing angles can be obtained (Page 5, [0060]).

Claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Koyama et al (US 6801283) and of Konno et al (US 20030016325) and of Shimoshikiryu et al (20020033923) in view of Itakura et al (US 20030122991).

Koyama et al, Konno et al, and Shimoshikiryu et al do not disclose that the biaxial compensation film has satisfy the following inequality relations: $n_x > n_y > n_z$ and $4 > (n_x - n_z) / (n_x - n_y) > 2$.

Itakura et al (Page 5, [0060]) discloses The biaxial compensation film has principal refractive indices n_x, n_y , and n_z that satisfy the following inequality relations: $n_x > n_y > n_z$ and $(n_x - n_z) / (n_x - n_y) > 8$ which is $(n_x - n_z) / (n_x - n_y) > 2$, and the principal axis with the refractive index n_x is perpendicular to the alignment direction of the liquid crystal panel.

It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art to modify Koyama et al, Konno et al, and Shimoshikiryu et al to include Itakura et al's refractive indices ranges of a retardation film so that a good display quality liquid crystal display device with excellent viewing angles can be obtained (Page 5, [0060]).

Response to Arguments

Applicant's argument that Koyama et al does not disclose Claim 6 on the grounds that "Koyama et al fail to teach that slow axis of quarter wave retarder and the transmission axis of the polarizer form an included angle of about 45 degrees when both the half wave retarder and the quarter wave retarder is used. Koyama et al still teaches the slow axis of quarter wave retarder and the transmission axis of the polarizer

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form an included angle of about 45 degrees when a single quarter wave retarder is used which still hits Claim 6, because Claim 1 or 6 do not state another quarter wave retarder. Thus rejection still stands for Claim 6.

Applicant's argument that Shimoshikiryu et al does not teach "the actual position of the biaxial phase difference compensators." Konno discloses in Figure 3, a second compensation film (204) sandwiched between the second quarter wave plate (208) and the liquid crystal (201) Koyama et al and Konno et al do not disclose the second compensation film being a biaxial compensation film. Shimoshikiryu et al discloses that by providing the biaxial birefringence to producing an image with high visibility with a very wide viewing angle. (Page 7, [0105-0109])

Thus, rejection for Claim 10 still stands.

Conclusion


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lucy P. Chien whose telephone number is 571-272-8579. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Kim can be reached on (571)272-2293. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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